

Action Item

*Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee*

Approval of the Minutes of the October 16, 2000, Meeting

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# MINUTES

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Meeting of October 16, 2000

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**Committee  
members present**

Kyo “Paul” Jhin, *Chair*  
Ralph Pesqueira, *Vice Chair*  
Velma Montoya  
Roger Schrimp  
Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr., *ex officio*  
Alan S. Arkatov, *ex officio*

**Other Commissioners present**

Carol Chandler  
Lance Izumi  
Evonne Schulze  
Kyh Smeby  
Howard Welinsky

**Committee  
member absent**

Melinda G. Wilson

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**Call to order**

Chair Jhin called the October 16, 2000 Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in the California State University, Fresno, Smittcamp Alumni House, Board of Directors-Whitten Conference Room, 2625 E. Keats, Fresno, California.

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**Approval  
of the minutes**

Chair Jhin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made, and the committee voted without dissent, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2000, meeting, as submitted.

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**Fiscal Profiles,  
2000**

Chair Jhin called upon staff member Kevin Woolfork to present this report.

Mr. Woolfork said the Commission’s publishes and annual edition of the Fiscal Profiles report on financing of California postsecondary education. The report also contains national data and information about financing elementary and secondary education. He provided the following highlights from the report:

- ♦ A trend over the last 10 years shows that nearly all money for public higher education capital outlay comes from general obligation bonds;
- ♦ Higher education enrollment has increased significantly over the last 35 years in each public sector – 126 percent at UC, 145 percent at CSU and 247 at community colleges;
- ♦ The Higher Education Price Index has grown over 566 percent in the last 34 years;
- ♦ The increase in constant dollars per Full-time Equivalent Student has gone up 34 percent for UC, 19 percent for CSU, and only 10 percent for community colleges; and

- ♦ The \$34-billion increase in the revenue available for California government programs over the last four years has resulted in significant increases in spending for higher education and student financial aid.

Director Fox asked about the percent of General Fund dollars spent on higher education. Mr. Woolfork said it is some 12.1 percent, about the same as the prior year and continues a trend of historically low proportional spending for higher education. This reflects changes in the way higher education is funded today. Student fees now raise significantly more revenue for higher education than they did in the 1970's.

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**Adjournment** Having no further business, Committee Chair Jhin adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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